40 Traditions regarding mourning for Imam Hussain (as)

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny [Ahlul bayt]) has said:

Those people from amongst my ummah, who memorise forty traditions pertaining to those issues of religion, which they are in need of, Allah shall resurrect them on the Day of Judgment as jurisprudents and scholars.

[Bihar al-Anwaar, vol. 2, p. 156; Al-Ikhtasaas, p.2]

1. The heat of Imam Hussain's love

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) said:
Surely, there exists in the hearts of the Mu' mineen, with respect to the martyrdom of Hussain (A.S.), a heat that never subsides.
Mustadrak al-Wasail, vol. 10,pg. 318

2. A'ashura- A day of grief

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said:
The one for whom the day of A'shura is a day of tragedy, grief and weeping, Allah The Mighty, The Glorious, shall make the Day of Judgment, a day of joy and happiness for him.
Bihar al-Anwar, vol,: 44, pg: 284

3. Muharram - The month of mourning

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said:
With the advent of the month of Muharram, my father Imam Musa Kazim (A.S.) would never be seen laughing; gloom and sadness would overcome him for (the first) ten days of the month; and when the tenth day of the month would dawn, it would be a day of tragedy, grief and weeping for him.
Amaali Saduq, pg,:111

4. High status of the eyes that weep for Imam Hussain (AS)

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) said:
O' Fatimah! Every eye shall be weeping on the Day of Judgment except the eye which has shed tears over the tragedy of Hussain (A.S.) for surely, that eye shall be laughing and shall be given the glad tidings of the bounties and comforts of Paradise.
Bihar al-Anwar, vol,: 44;pg,:293

5. Reward of the martyred companions

Imam Reza (A.S.) said (to one of his companions):
If you desire that for you be the reward equivalent to that of those martyred along with Husain (A.S.), then whenever you remember him say: 'Oh! Would that I had been with them! A great achievement would I have achieved'.
Wasaail al-Shia'h, vol.14, pg. 502

6. The customary mourning

Abu Haroon al-Makfoof said:
I presented myself before Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) whereupon he said to me: "Recite for me a poetry" and so I recited for him. He said "Not in this manner. Recite for me as you recite poems and elegies over the grave of Hussain (A.S.)" and so I recited for him (again).
Bihar al-Anwar,Vol.:44, pg.: 287.

7. Reward for reciting poetry about Imam Hussain (A.S.)

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
There is none who recites poetry about Husain (A.S.) and weeps and makes others weep by means of it, except that Allah makes Paradise incumbent upon him and forgives his sins.
Rijal al-Shaikh al-Tusi, pg.: 289.

8. People of eulogies and elegies

Imam Jafar Sadiq(A.S.)said:
All praise is for Allah, who has placed amongst the people, those who arrive in our presence, eulogizing us and reciting elegies about us.
Wasail al-Shia'h Vol.: 10, pg.: 469

9. Poetry recitation during the period of mourning

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said (to De'bil, a poet sincereiy devoted to the Ahlul bayt):
I desire that you recite for me poetry, for surely, these days (of the month of Muharram) are the days of grief and sorrow, which have passed over us, Ahlul Bayt.
Mustadrak al-Wasail, vol. 10, pg. 386.

10. Shi'ites- The companions and associates

Imam Ali (A.S.) said:
Surely, Allah has chosen for us followers (Shi'ites), who assist us and are happy at our happiness and are sad in our sadness.
Ghurar al-Hikam, Vol: 1/ pg.: 235.

11. Paradise - The recompense of A'zadari (mourning)

Imam Ali Ibn al-Husain(A.S) used to say:
Every Mu'min, whose eyes shed tears upon the killing of Husain Ibn' Ali(A.S.) and his companions, such that the tears roll down his cheeks, Allah shall accommodate him in the elevated rooms of paradise.
Yannaabe' al-Mawaddah, pg.: 429.

12. In remembrance of the children of Syeda Fatimah (A.S.)

Imam Ali Ibn al-Husain(A.S) said:
Surely, I have never brought to mind the martyrdom of the children of Fatimah (A.S.) except that I have been choked with tears due to it.
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.: 46, Pg.: 109.

13. Mourning in the houses

For those unable to go for the ziarat of Imam Husain (A.S.) on the day of A'shura, Imam Baqir (A.S.) mentions the manner of performing A'zadari as follows:
He should mourn over Husain (A.S.), weep for him and instruct the members of the house to weep for him. He should establish the mourning ceremony in the house by exhibiting lamentions and grief over him; the people should meet one another in their homes and offer condolences and consolations to each other over the calamities which befell him.
Kaamil al-Ziyaraat, Pg.: 175.

14. Imam Ali (A.S.) weeps grieving the martyrs of Karbala

Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S.) said:
Amirul Mu'mineen Ali (A.S.), along with two of his companions, happened to pass by Karbala and as he did so, tears filled his eyes. He said (to them), "This is the resting place of their animals; and this is where their luggage shall be laid down; and it is here that their blood shall be shed. Blessed are you O' Earth, that the blood of the beloved shall be spilled upon you."
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.: 44, pg.: 258

15. Tears - Barrier between a mourner and hell

Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S.) said:
He who remembers us, or in whose presence, we are remembered, and (as a result) tears flow from his eyes, even though they may be in the measure of a wing of a mosquito, Allah shall construct for him a house in paradise and make the tears a barrier between him and the fire (of hell).
Al-Ghadeer, Vol.: 2, pg.: 202

16. Twenty years of weeping!

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
As for A'li Ibn al-Husain (A.S.), he cried over Husain (A.S.) for twenty years (after the tragedy of Karbala); never would any food be placed before him except that he would begin to weep.
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.: 46, Pg.: 108

17. The etiquette of mourning

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
When Ibrahim, the son of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) died, tears filled the eyes of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.), whereupon he said, "The eyes are tearful and the heart is anguished (but) we shall not say anything which shall anger the Lord. Surely we, O' Ibrahim, are grief-stricken for you"
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.: 22,Pg.: 157.

18. Reward of mourning for the Ahlul bayt (AS)

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
He in whose presence we (and our miseries) are mentioned and, as a result, his eyes pour out tears, Allah shall make his face forbidden upon the fire of hell.
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.: 44, Pg., 285.

19. Hussaini gatherings

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said to Fudhail:
Do you sit together, talk and discuss amongst yourselves?
Fudhail replied: Yes.
The Imam then said: I approve of these sittings. So keep our 'issue' (Imamate) alive. May Allah exhibit mercy on those who revive our issue and mission!
Wasail al-Shia'h, vol.:10, Pg.: 392

20. Invaluable Tears

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said (to Masma', one of those who mourned over Imam Husain (A.S.)):
May Allah have mercy upon your tears! Do know that you are regarded as being of those who are deeply concerned about us and of those who are happy at our happiness and aggrieved at our sorrow. Do know that you shall witness the presence of my fathers near you at the time of your death.
Wasail al-Shia'h, Vol.: 10, Pg.:397

21. Scalded Hearts

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) (while sitting on the prayer mat prayed for the mourners and those going for the ziarat of the Ahlul Bayt (A.S.) as follows):
O' Lord, have mercy upon those eyes, which have shed tears in compassion for us; and upon those hearts, which have been restless and blistered for us; and upon those wailings, which have been for us.
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.:98, Pg.:8.

22. Tears over the oppressed state of the Shi'ites

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
He whose eyes shed tears for our blood which has been shed, or for our rights which have been usurped, or for the humiliation meted out to us or to one of our Shi'ites, Allah shall accomodate him in paradise for a long time.
Amali al-Shaikh al-Mufid, Pg.: 175.

23. Weeping of the Sky for Imam Hussain (AS)

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
O' Zurarah! The sky had cried for forty days over (the martyrdom of) Hussain (A.S.)
Mustadrak al-Wasail, vol. 1, pg. 391

24. The Holy Prophet (pbuh&hp) and weeping over the Martyrs

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
After the news of the martyrdom of Ja'far Ibn Abi Talib (A.S.) and Zaid Ibn Harithah (RA) reached the Holy Prophet (pbuh&hp), whenever he he entered his house, he would weep profusely for them and say:'' They used to converse with me and were intimate with me and (now) both of them have departed together''.
Man La Yahdhuruhu al-Faqih, Vol.: 1, pg.: 177.

25. High status of the mourners of Ahlul Bayt (AS)

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
The breath of one who is aggrieved upon the injustice and oppression subjected to us, is tasbeeh (glorification of Allah), and his concealing our secrets, is jihad in the path of Allah.
The Imam (A.S.) then added: This tradition ought to be written in gold.
Amali al-Shaikh al-Mufid, pg.: 338.

26. Angels mourn Imam Hussain (AS)

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
Allah has appionted to the grave of Imam Husain (A.S.), four thousand anguished and grief-stricken angels, who weep over him (and shall continue to do so) up to the Day of Judgment.
Kamil al-Ziyaraat, pg.: 119.

27. Weeping over Imam Hussain (A.S.)

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said (to Reyyan Ibn Shabib):
O' Son of Shabib! If you have to cry over something, then do so over Hussain Ibn 'Ali (A.S.) for surely, he was slaughtered in the manner in which a ram is slaughtered.
Bhar al-Anwar/ Vol.: 44/ pg.: 286.

28. Gatherings in remembrance of the Imams

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said:
He who sits in a gathering in which our affairs (and our path and aims) are discussed and revived, his heart shall not die on the day (Day of Judgment) when hearts shall die (of fear).
Bihar al-Anwar Vol.: 44, pg.:278

29. Benefits of weeping over Imam Hussain (A.S.)

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said:
Those who weep should weep over the likes of Hussain (A.S.) for surely, weeping over him does away with one's great sins.
Bihar al-Anwar, Vol.: 44/ pg.: 284.

30. Forgiveness of Sins

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said:
O' Son of Shabib! Should you weep for Hussain (A.S.) in the measure that tears roll down your cheeks, Allah would forgive all the sins committed by you, whether they be the great sins or the small sins and whether they be meagre or immense.
Amaali al-Saduq, pg.:112.

31. Intimacy with the Progeny of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh&hp)

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said (to Ibn Shabib):
O' Son of Shabib! If it makes you happy (and you desire) to be with us in the elevated ranks of paradise, then be sad in our grief and happy at our happiness.
Wasaail al-Shia'h, Vol. 14, pg. 502

32. Day of Ashura

Imam Ali Reza (A.S.) said:
One who refrains from seeking his (worldly) desires on the day of Ashura, Allah shall grant him his desires of this world and the hereafter.
Wasail al-Shia'h, vol. 14,pg.504.

33. Reward for the Pilgrim of Imam Hussain (A.S.)

Imam Sadiq (A.S.) said:
The zaair (pilgrim) of Imam Hussain (A.S.) turns back (from his pilgrimage) such that not a single sin remains upon him.
Wasail al-shia'h, vol. 14,pg. 422.

34. Imam Hussain (A.S.) seeks forgiveness for his Pilgrims

(Regarding someone who goes for pilgrimage to the shrine of Imam Hussain (A.S.), Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
One who weeps for Imam Hussain (A.S.), surely, the Imam (A.S.) observes him and seeks forgiveness for him and requests his holy fathers to (also) seek forgiveness for him.
Bihar al-Anwar vol. 44,pg. 281

35. Intercession on the Day of Judgment

The Holy Prophet (pbuh&hp) (said to Syeda Fatimah (A.S.):
On the Day of Judgment, you shall intercede for the ladies and I shall intercede for the men; every person who has wept over the tragedy of Hussain (A.S.), we shall take him by the hand and lead him into Paradise.
Bihar al-Anwar vol. 44,pg. 292.

36. Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) on Day of Ashura

A'bdullah Ibn Sinaan says:
I arrived in the presence of my master, Imam Sadiq (A.S.) on the day of Ashura and found him pale and grief-stricken, with tears streaming from his eyes like falling pearls.
Musadrak al-wasail,vol.6, pg. 279.

37. Neither angels nor prophets

The Holy Prophet (pbuh&hp) said:
(On the Day of Judgment, a group would be seen in the most excellent and honourable of states. They would be asked if they were of the Angels or of the Prophets. In reply they would state): "We are neither Angels nor Prophets but of the indigent ones from the ummah of Muhammad (S.A.W.)". They would then be asked: "How then did you achieve this lofty and honourable status?" They would reply: "We did not perform very many good deeds nor did we pass all the days in a state of fasting or all the nights in a state of worship but yes, we used to offer our (daily) prayers (regularly) and whenever we used to hear the mention of Muhammad (pbuh&hp), tears would roll down our cheeks".
Mustadrak al-Wasail, vol. 10, pg. 318.

38. Visiting the shrine of Imam Hussain (A.S.)

Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S.) said:
He (Imam Husain) sees those, who come to his shrine and he knows them by their names, their father's names and their ranks in the eyes of Allah, The Glorious, better than you know your own children!
Wasaail al-Shia'h, vol. 14, pg. 422.

39. Prophet Isa (Jesus) (A.S.) weeps for Imam Hussain (AS)

Imam Ali (A.S.) said to Ibn A'bbas:
(Once when he happened to pass by Karbala), Isa Jesus (A.S.) sat down and began to weep. His disciples who were observing him, followed suit and began weeping too, but not comprehending the reason for this behaviour, they asked him:"O' Spirit of God! What is it that makes you weep?" Isa Jesus (A.S.) said: "Do you know what land this is?" The disciples replied: "No." He then said: "This is the land on which the son of the Prophet Ahmad (pbuh&hp) shall be killed.
Bihar al-Anwar vol. 44,g. 252.

40. All creatures weep over Imam Hussain (A.S.)
Abu Baseer narrates that Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S.) said:
The humans, the jinn, the birds and the wild beasts (all) mourned and wept over (the tragedy which befell) Hussain Ibn Ali (A.S.)
Kaamil al-Ziyaraat, Pg. 79.

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